

THE Exigencies of the Kingdom are at present so pressing, with regard to the national Debt, that there is an absolute Necessity for making the People of our Colonies bear a reasonable Part of the Weight; but before we think of Loading them with any Portion, 'tis absolutely necessary that we should furnish them with Means. We must take off every Restriction which has been laid upon their Commerce; we must grant them an open, uninterrupted Trade; and, instead of treating them as Rivals or Enemies in Traffic, encourage them as Brothers and Friends; to enable them to bear a proportionable Share in our Distresses, we must invest them with a proportionable Share of our Advantages; and instead of looking on them with the jealous Eye of a Step mother, consider them as a valuable and immediate Part of ourselves.

From what has been said, it therefore appears incontrovertibly evident, that there is the strongest Necessity to mitigate the present Severity of the Mother Country, by making the Colonies, who have so largely shared in her Prosperity, bear some little Participation of her Distress. The Establishment of these Colonies have cost us Millions of Money and Rivers of Blood; 'tis surely Time then that we endeavour to make them of some little Account; 'tis surely Time for us to resign a System which has proved so detrimental to them as well as destructive to ourselves. How widely different from ours is the Behaviour of the other European Nations in regard to their Colonies! The Dutch wisely judge that a Subject, whether he lives in Amboyna or resides in Zeland, is equally a Subject, and of Consequence equally entitled to partake of the Benefits, or share in the Difficulties of the Mother Country. Hence the Dutch Colonies, by being considered as an immediate Part of the Republic, instead of being merely a nominal Advantage and real Burthen like ours, are made in a most material Degree important to the general Interest, and finally, if any Thing, more than their regular Portion, to the Exigencies of the Public. Portugal, 'tis well known, derives the principal Part of it's Opulence from her Colonies; so does Spain. Why in the Name of Wonder then cannot we imitate the Policy of those Nations, who by the Superiority of our Commerce, having infinitely greater Opportunities; and make our Settlements answer the great End of Colonization, the Benefit of the Settlers, and the Happiness of the Mother Country.

At present we seem solicitous to defeat the very Intention of establishing those Colonies, for the Possession of which we have been so incredibly prodigal, both of our Treasure and our Blood.

—'Tis hoped, therefore, the Example of other Countries, the Complaints of our Plantations, and the pressing Necessity of our own Affairs, will speedily induce us to adopt a very different System of Policy, than what has hitherto regulated our Conduct, as the future may not prove altogether so favourable to our Wishes, if we suffer the new to be lost.

L O N D O N, February 9.

ON Saturday Night, about Nine o'Clock, a Duel was fought, at the Star and Garter Tavern in Pallmall, between a certain Nobleman and a Gentleman possessed of a large Estate in Nottinghamshire: when the latter was run thro' the Body, and died Yesterday Morning about Ten o'Clock.

Last Night the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body of the unfortunate Mr. Chaworth, that was killed in the Duel with Lord Byron, but had not brought in a Verdict when this Paper went to Press. We are assured he was sensible to the last, had his Will made before he died; and on Sunday, at Noon, an Express was sent to his Mother in Nottinghamshire, to inform her of the melancholy Accident that had happened.

February 14. This Day, about eleven o'Clock, Mr. John Williams, Bookfeller in Fleet Street, was brought, pursuant to his Sentence, from the King's Bench Prison, to stand in the Pillory in New Palace Yard, Westminster, for republishing the North Briton, N° 45, in Volumes. It is remarkable, that the Coach which carried him there, was N° 45. A few Minutes after Twelve he mounted, amidst the repeated Acclamations of upwards of Ten Thousand People, who never ceased shouting till his Hour of standing was expired. Opposite to the Pillory were erected four Ladders with Cords running from each other, on which were hung a Jack Boot, an Ax, and a Scotch Bonnet. The two latter, after remaining there some Time, were burnt, and the Boot beheaded.

During his standing, after a Purple Party, very richly ornamented with Ribbons of an Orange Colour, was produced by a Gentleman noted for his Patriotism, who began a Collection in favour of the Culprit, by putting a Guinea into it himself, after which the Purse being carried round, every Body contributed according to his own fancy, to the Amount in the Whole, as supposed, of upwards of 200 Guineas: One Gentleman it is said gave 50 Guineas. Mr. Williams, at getting into the Pillory, and at getting out, politely bowed to the Spectators. He held a Sprig of Laurel in his Hand all the Time.

We hear a Bill is now preparing for the Approbation of the House, to curtail the Time limited for the Arrival of the Female Sex to the Age of Discretion according to Law, by one full Year.

It is now said that the future Use of Stills in the British American Provinces, except in Cases of Chymistry and Medicine, will this Session be prohibited under an high Penalty. [It is to be Hoped we shall still be allowed the Use of Ovens, and not be obliged to import our Hot Rolls! Or, Starve!]

There is a Report of some Alterations being to be made in the Duties on Tobacco.

Last Saturday Evening the Wife of a Publican at Rotherhithe was safely brought to Bed of Twins, both Males; and a few Hours after, a young Woman, (a Lodger in the House) was also delivered of Twins, both Females. What is more remarkable, the latter has sworn the Publican to be the Father of her Children.

February 20. We are informed, since the Plantation Agents have failed in opposing the intended Duty on American Stamps, a Motion is preparing to be made in the House, that the Commissioner for the Receipt of this Duty may be appointed from the Natives of each Province, where the Tax is to take Place.

When Mr. Williams, Bookfeller, in Fleet Street, after standing in the Pillory on Thursday last, returned to the King's Bench Prison in the Hackney Coach, N° 45, which drove him from thence and waited all the Time, he asked the Coachman what was his Demand, who replied, That he would not take any Thing; but Mr. Williams insisting on paying him, the Coachman warmly declared, the Honour of driving him on that Occasion was a sufficient Reward for his Trouble; and absolutely refused receiving any Payment.

February 26. On Sunday Evening the Right Hon. Lord Byron arrived from France, at his House in Great Marlborough Street, and Yesterday surrendered himself at the Bar of the Right Hon. the House of Peers, and was committed to the Tower.

On the 13th Instant the Lords Justices of Ireland issued a Proclamation, offering a Reward of 300 l. for the apprehending Nicholas Sheehy, Popish Priest of Shanragan, in the County of Tipperary, who not only stands indicted as an Assize for that County the 28th of March last, for High Treason and Rebellion, but is also charged on Oath with having been since concerned in several treasonable Practices to raise a Rebellion in that Kingdom.

March 2. Yesterday there was a Board of Works, when Orders were given for the Scaffolding in Westminster Hall to be erected and finished, for the Trial of Lord Byron, against the 16th of April.

PROVIDENCE, (N. E.) April 13.
By a Letter from London in the last Ship to Boston, we are acquainted, That Col. ISAAC BARRE, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Chip-ping Wycomb, in the County of Bucks, distinguished himself gloriously in Parliament, by a strenuous Opposition of ministerial Projections against the known Rights of the Colonies, which were most unconstitutionally attacked by the Commons of Great Britain, when they Resolved that STAMP DUTIES should be charged here.—He, openly, and with great Firmness, patronized the injured Colonies, and asserted their Privileges.—A Column ought to be erected to him in America, as a LASTING MONUMENT of the Gratitude of the People, for his Virtue, Fortitude, and animated Endeavours to rescue them from Slavery.—Should this, or any other public Mark of the warm and pious Sense we have of his Friendship and Zeal, be RESOLVED on by the Governments in North America, Free-Will Offerings would abundantly supply the Expense.

ANNAPOLIS, May 2.
We have no further Particulars relating to the tremendous STAMP DUTY, than what we have published; only that there was almost a certainty that an Ax would Pa's for that Purpose!!!! To take Place the 1st of September!!!!

We are told that two or three Ships were seen a Day or two since, going into Falout.

T O B E S O L D,

THE LANCASHIRE FORGE, consisting of Two Fineries, a Chafery, and one Hammer; together with about 400 Acres of very valuable Land, situate upon Deer-Creek, a fine Stream of Water, in Baltimore County, about 12 Miles from the Head of Bay River, and 7 from the nearest navigable Parts of Susquehanna. For Title and Terms, apply to the Subscriber, at Nottingham Forges, upon the Great Falls of Gunpowder River.

CORBIN LEE.

THE Managers of the SEVERN CHAPEL LOTTERY, beg Leave to inform the Public, That they purpose to begin Drawing the same, on Monday the Tenth of July next, at Elk-Ridge Landing. There are some Tickets still on Hand, which may be had of any of the Managers, or at the PRINTING-OFFICE. (1)

Leonard Town, St. Mary's County, April 28, 1765.

ALL Persons Indebted to Messieurs John Glasford and Compt. Merch^{ts}. in Glasgow, in Consequence of Dealings with Mr. Norman Bruce, or the Subscriber, and who have not already settled their Accounts, are requested to do the same between this Time and the first of June next, as the Subscriber intends to Great-Britain early in the Fall, and would be glad to settle as many of his open Accounts as possible, before his Departure. Those who cannot make immediate Payment, shall be indulged with a reasonable Time, on giving Bond and Security if required. (4*)

EBENEZER FISHER.

Annapolis, May 2, 1765.

ALL Persons Indebted to the Estate of George Newman, late of this City, Merchant, deceased, either on Bond, Note, or open Account, are requested to make immediate Payment to the Subscriber, who is properly authorized to receive and grant Receipts for the same: And those who have Demands against the said Estate, are desired to bring in their respective Accounts, properly proved. Constant Attendance will be given at the Store-House, lately occupied by the said Deceased, at the Head of the Dock, and the Goods remaining on Hand, will be Sold very cheap, for ready Money, or short Credit. (3*)

THO^s. BROOKE HODGKIN.

THE Subscriber intending for London this Summer, all Persons having any Demands upon him, are requested to bring them in, that they may be paid. (2*) FRANCIS CHEW.

April 28, 1765.

RAN away from a Waggon, on it's Way from Annapolis to Frederick-Town, some Day last Week, about 20 Miles from Annapolis, a young Negro Man named Charles, about 23 Years of Age, 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, well made, his left Ear has been cropped, has lately had the Small Pox (tho' very slightly) by Inoculation, so that the Scar of the Incision must appear plain, on Examination; he is a plausible, sensible Fellow, Country born, and very handy when he pleases. Has on, or with him, (we suppose) a blue Cloth Surtout Coat, a Fearnought Jacket, an under Cotton Jacket, Cotton Breeches, and has Buckles in his Shoes.

Whoever will deliver him to us in Annapolis, or secure him in any County Jail, shall have Fifty Shillings Reward, paid by

LANCELOT JACQUES,

THO^s. JOHNSON, junr.

N. B. He has been seen since in Town, and we suspect he has cross'd the Bay in a Petticoat.

WILLIAMSBURG, April 23, 1765.

RAN away from the Printing-Office, on Saturday Night, a Servant Man named George Fisher, by Trade a Book-Binder, between 25 and 26 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, very thick, sloopish much, has a down Look; he is a little Pock-pitted, has a Scar on one of his Temples, is much addicted to Liquor, very talkative when drunk, and remarkably stupid. He had on, and carried away with him, several good white Linen Shirts, a Snuff colour'd Cloth Coat, and a Suit of Light colour'd Sagathy, other good Wearing Apparel, a new Half cut black Bob Wig, and a Set of Silver Buckles.

Whoever apprehends the said Servant, and conveys him to the Printing-Office, in Virginia, shall have Five Pounds Reward, and if taken out of the Colony TEN POUNDS, beside what the Law allows. JOSEPH ROYLE.